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SENATE PASSES ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Sen. Landrieu secures Lafayette funding.

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate passed the Energy and Water Appropriations bill tonight in a 92-3 vote. Upon the vote, Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced \$76 million in funding for projects in Alexandria and the surrounding area in the bill.

“The increase in funding that we secured in committee is significant and will accelerate our flood control and navigation and coastal protection programs,” said Sen. Landrieu.

The Senate bill funds 107 Louisiana projects sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 11 of which are in the Lafayette area. The Senate bill represents twice as many projects and 34 percent more funding for Louisiana projects than the President requested, and 43 percent more funding and more than twice as many projects than was included in the House bill.

Sen. Landrieu is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that passed the \$31.25 billion bill, as well as the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee that passed the bill last week. The Energy and Water Appropriations bill funds the civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Energy and other programs.

“It is my hope that during the conference of this bill we will be able to keep the Senate numbers in,” Sen. Landrieu said. “The higher funding in the Senate bill will mean more protection for Louisiana’s coast and other important navigation and flood control projects in Louisiana.”

Some of the projects in the Lafayette area in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill include:

- **\$585,000 for the Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf and Black enlargement study**
- **\$20,000,000 for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Ecosystem Restoration and the Science and Technology Program**
- **\$750,000 for the Port of Iberia**
- **\$500,000 for the Iberia Parish Environmental Infrastructure Project**
- **\$160,000 for Flood Damage Reduction in Carencro**

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- **\$24,948,000 for navigational dredging of the Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf and Black**
- **\$800,000 for dredging Wax Lake outlet and between the East and West Calumet Floodgate in Bayou Teche**
- **\$1,466,000 for the Freshwater Bayou**
- **\$19,614,000 for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Project**
- **\$7,000,000 for the Floodway System in the Atchafalaya Basin**
- **\$100,000 for evaluating long term, sustainable ecosystem restoration solutions in Pointe Coupee and St. Mary Parishes**

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